

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The above listed claim amendments along with the following remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action set forth above. Claims 1-32 are pending. Claims 7-32 have been withdrawn. Claims 1 and 3-6 have been amended. Claim 2 has been allowed.

The title has been amended as requested; the specification has been amended to conform to the amendments of the drawing figure numbering. Approval of these amendments is respectfully requested.

A clean copy of the substitute specification is attached. The substitute specification includes no new matter.

Claim Objection

Claim 6 was objected to as having an informality in the phrase “apertures are formed in the head suspension” in line 1. Claim 6 has been amended to now recite: the at least one aperture is formed in the head suspension. In addition, claim 6 has been amended to now depend from claim 2. As such, the objectionable informality has been removed. Withdrawal of this claim objection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 112

Claim 3 was rejected as indefinite. Claim 3 has been amended to now depend from claim 2; as such the indefiniteness has been removed, and the rejection of claim 3 has been overcome. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC 102 and 103

Claims 1 and 5, 6 were rejected as anticipated by Watanabe, USP 6,791,802.

Claim 4 was rejected as obvious over Watanabe.

Claim 1 has been amended to eliminate certain limitations and to include the limitation that the piezoelectric element is electrically insulated from all metallic structural parts of the head suspension. This added limitation corresponds to the limitation indicated as the reason claim 2 was allowed.

Claims 3-6 have been amended to now depend from claim 2. As such, all of claims 1-6 are now allowable. Withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1 and 3-6 is respectfully requested.

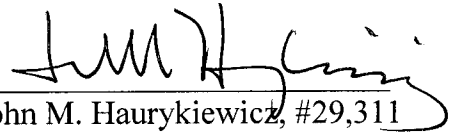
Conclusion

All pending claims are now in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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